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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 122**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee**

April 1, 2008

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 122—Relative to the Robert and Pat Nimmo Memorial Highway.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 122, as amended, Blakeslee. The Robert and Pat Nimmo Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the ~~westside~~ portion of State Highway Route 41 between Creston Road and El Camino Real in the County of San Luis Obispo as the Robert and Pat Nimmo Memorial Highway. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo was born in Balboa, California in
- 2 1922 to a pioneer ranching family; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo married Patricia Anne Stone in
- 4 1950, and together they had three children, Mary, Augusta, and
- 5 Kathleen; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo enrolled at the California  
2 Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 1940 and later  
3 joined the Cal Poly Rodeo Team; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served from 1943 through 1946 as  
5 a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served from 1950 through 1952 as  
7 Company Commander, 161st Ordnance Company; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo's crew was later assigned to the  
9 448th Bombardment Group, 8th United States Air Force, flying  
10 missions over France and Germany during the landing at Normandy  
11 on June 6, 1944; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo worked with the California State  
13 Military Department in various military assignments from 1955  
14 through 1970; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo became a member of the California  
16 National Guard at Camp San Luis Obispo, later earned the position  
17 of commanding officer of San Luis Obispo's ~~161~~ 161st Ordnance  
18 Depot Company, and later became installation commander at Camp  
19 San Luis; and

20 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo retired with the rank of colonel and  
21 in 1964 graduated from the United States Army Command and  
22 General Staff College; and

23 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo was appointed in 1970 by Governor  
24 Ronald Reagan to serve as United States property and fiscal officer  
25 for the State of California from 1970 through 1973; and

26 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served as a California State  
27 Assembly Member from 1972 through 1976, representing the  
28 Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara; and

29 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served as a California State Senator  
30 from 1976 through 1980, representing the Counties of Monterey,  
31 San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz; and

32 WHEREAS, Legislation authored by Robert Nimmo effectively  
33 advocated for local constituents; and

34 WHEREAS, This legislation included the development of  
35 facilities at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis  
36 Obispo, improvements to schools in the Atascadero Unified School  
37 District, conservation efforts devoted to Morro Bay State Park,  
38 and the protection of Moonstone Beach; and

39 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served on the Assembly  
40 Agriculture, Energy and Diminishing Materials, Resources and

1 Land Use, Elections and Reapportionment, Employment and Public  
2 Employees, Natural Resources and Conservation, Water, and  
3 Retirement Committees; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served on the Senate Rules,  
5 Finance, Agriculture, Local Government, Water Resources, and  
6 Revenue and Taxation Committees; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo was an unwavering and vigorous  
8 advocate for the California agricultural community; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo was appointed by President Ronald  
10 Reagan as the Administrator of Veterans Affairs; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served on the Atascadero city  
12 council from 1990 to 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo served as Mayor of Atascadero  
14 from 1992 through 1994; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo worked tirelessly on many issues  
16 with the city council, including local economic development,  
17 housing, and transportation projects, and was recognized for  
18 conducting meetings cordially and with earnest respect to all  
19 members and stakeholders; and

20 WHEREAS, Patricia Nimmo was born in Salinas in 1926; and

21 WHEREAS, Patricia Nimmo's family moved to Carrizo Plains  
22 in San Luis Obispo County in 1929, where she lived with her  
23 ranching family for the next 11 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Patricia Nimmo moved to Atascadero in 1955 with  
25 her husband Robert Nimmo; and

26 WHEREAS, Patricia Nimmo established Nimmo Realty Corp.  
27 in Atascadero and worked as a real estate broker for more than 40  
28 years; and

29 WHEREAS, Patricia Nimmo was a wonderfully energetic  
30 participant in the Republican Women's Federation, the Atascadero  
31 Chamber of Commerce, and St. William's Church in Atascadero;  
32 and

33 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo and Patricia Nimmo were an  
34 inseparable couple, both devoted to serving their community; and

35 WHEREAS, Patricia Nimmo was the victim of a tragic car  
36 accident while walking with her husband near Highway 41; and

37 WHEREAS, Robert Nimmo died on November 7, 2005; now,  
38 therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
40 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*

1 westside portion of State Highway Route 41 between Creston Road  
2 and El Camino Real in the County of San Luis Obispo as the  
3 Robert and Pat Nimmo Memorial Highway; and be it further  
4     *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
5 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
6 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that  
7 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
8 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
9 further  
10     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
11 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
12 author for appropriate distribution.

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